

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF MORRISVILLE
Morrisville, Pennsylvania

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Work Session—Monday, December 1, 2014
Large Group Instruction Room
Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School

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The regular monthly agenda meeting of the Morrisville Board of School Directors was held in the LGI Room located in the Morrisville Intermediate/Senior High School, 550 West Palmer Street, Morrisville, Pennsylvania on December 1, 2014, after due notice of the meeting had been given as required by law. Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

This meeting immediately followed the Reorganization Meeting tonight.

The following members were present:

Messrs. Dingle, Gilleo, Parker, Perry, Stoneburner, Miller and Ms. Kartal and Ms. Reithmeyer

Members absent:

Messrs. Colon and Worob

Quorum Present:

Also attending this evening's meeting was Mr. Michael Kopakowski, Superintendent; Mr. Michael Braun, Business Administrator; Ms. Felicity Hanks, Solicitor; media, MEA representatives and members of the community.

Mr. Miller stated that Mr. Colon had contacted him prior to tonight's meeting stating that he would not be able to attend.

Mr. Miller stated that no Executive Session was held prior to tonight's agenda meeting.

The following areas will be covered at next week's Business Meeting:

Student Spotlight (to be done at next week's meeting)

- Teacher - Kevin Jones
Woodworking Class – Toys for Tots Drive

Student Representatives to the Board

ITEMS OF GENERAL INFORMATION

1. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

- This week in our Schools (Reports from Superintendent and Administration)
- Enrollment Report

PUBLIC SESSION #1 (Agenda Items Only)

There were no speakers for Public Session #1.

Morrisville Opportunity Education Foundation/MOEF Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that the committee has not met; therefore, there is nothing to report at this time.

PTO Report – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle reported on the following:

- Holiday Shop will be open December 1st – 5th

Joint Borough Council/School Board Report – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated that they will be meeting later this week; therefore there is nothing to report at this time. Mr. Miller discussed briefly the Traffic Signal information.

Public Relations/Communications Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller discussed the following:

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 12/3/14 at 7:30 p.m. in the LGI
- First edition of the Student Newspaper is on the website
- State of the District Report will possibly be coming out in January

Bucks County Intermediate Unit Report – Ms. Kartal

Ms. Kartal stated that the committee does not have a meeting in December. They will be meeting again in January.

PSBA/Legislative Report – Mr. Perry

Mr. Perry discussed the following:

- New Governor and Secretary will be taking office in January
- House Bill 1738 and Act 51 regarding State Funding for Basic Education

M. R. Reiter Repurposing Report – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller discussed the following:

- Possible motion may be added to the agenda next week to be able to move forward.
Working on getting the School District listed as owners on titles instead of the Morrisville Authority

Mr. Miller stated that the following motions will be on the agenda at next weeks Business Meeting for approval:

ACTION ITEMS:

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1.a **A MOTION** is in order to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014 regular monthly agenda meeting.

2.1.b **A MOTION** is in order to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2014 regular monthly business meeting.

2.1.c **AMOTION** is in order to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 regular monthly agenda meeting.

2.1.d **A MOTION** is in order to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2014 regular monthly business meeting.

3. INFRASTRUCTURE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Facilities Committee – Mr. Stoneburner

Mr. Stoneburner discussed the following:

- Roof repairs at Grandview being done by Tremco
- Dishwasher in cafeteria has been repaired
- Chain and lock replaced on gate at A-Field
- There will be no meeting in December.

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Stoneburner stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Infrastructure Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 Approval, Participation in Additional Legal Services

A MOTION is in order to approve participation in additional legal services offered by the Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 and Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams, LLP, at a cost of \$780.00.

Mr. Braun stated that Motion 3.1 will be correctly listed under the Business Section of the agenda for next week's meeting.

3.2 Approval, Resolution – Sale of Bristol Township Properties (Red Cedar)

A MOTION is in order to approve the resolution regarding the sale of Bristol Township Properties in Red Cedar.

Mr. Reithmeyer questioned the number of individuals that have keys to the gate at the A-Field. Mr. Stoneburner stated that Mr. May is the only person who has a key to the new lock. Ms. Reithmeyer asked questioned the charges of \$780 in Motion 3.1 and asked for an explanation of these charges. Mr. Braun stated that the Board members will receive this information.

The Board members discussed Motion 3.2 regarding the sale of the property at Red Cedar. Mr. Miller read an email from Dr. Galasso from the IU and discussed the resolution.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES

INFORMATONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Human Resource Committee – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that the committee met and discussed the following:

- Staffing
- Collective Bargaining

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Dingle stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Human Resource Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

4.1 Approval, FMLA

A MOTION is in order to approve FMLA for Carol Lang, effective November 11, 2014.

4.2 Approval, Appointments

4.2.a Cafeteria/Recess Aides

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of the following Cafeteria/Recess Aides, effective December 11, 2014, at the hourly rate of \$8.25 for the 2014-15 school year.

Danielle Larison
Stephanie Giuffre

4.2.b Coaching Position

A MOTION is in order to approve the appointment of Tanya Argueta as the Varsity/JV Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2175.

4.3 Approval, Act 93 Increases

A MOTION is in order to approve Act 93 increases per contract, effective January 1, 2015.

**5. BUSINESS OPERATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEE
INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- **Finance Report (Informational Item)**
Numbers to be provided in next week's Business Meeting Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Dingle

Mr. Dingle stated that no meeting has taken place, therefore, there is nothing to report at this time. There will be no meeting in December.

At next week's Board meeting Mr. Dingle stated that the following items will be on the agenda under the Business Operations/Finance Section:

ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Approval, 2015 Monthly Meetings for the Board of School Directors

A MOTION is in order to approve the 2015 monthly meetings for the Board of School Directors.

5.2 Approval, Addendum to the Agreement with Source4Teachers

A MOTION is in order to approve the Addendum to the Agreement dated November 15, 2013 between the Morrisville School District and S4Teachers LLC, d/b/a Source4Teachers for the services of Substitute Teachers and Staff.

Copies of the Addendum are to be given to the Board members.

5.3 Approval, Treasurer's Report

A MOTION is in order to approve the Treasurer's Report.

5.4 Approval, Investment Report

A MOTION is in order to approve the Investment Report.

5.5 Approval, Ordinary and Necessary Payments

A MOTION is in order to approve ordinary and necessary payments by the Business Administrator during the month of December 2014.

5.6 Approval, Payment of Bills

A MOTION is in order to approve payments of bills as listed below, subject to final audit by the Business Administrator:
(Numbers to be provided in next week's Business Meeting Agenda)

6. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Education Committee – Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller stated that the Education Committee will be meeting on December 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the LGI. At this meeting they will be discussing any updates regarding the merger/tuition plans.

Mr. Miller stated that he received an email from a resident regarding suggestions and concerns that they had, and he invited them to come to the Education Committee meeting where any suggestions or concerns could be discussed at an open meeting rather than coming to a Board meeting and speaking during Public Session where they would only have 3 minutes to speak.

Mr. Miller discussed the APEX Program and blended learning. A meeting will take place with the students involved to hear their concerns and what they like about this program. Ms. Reithmeyer suggested that at this meeting with the students computers be set up so they can actually view and show any concerns, etc. regarding the program. Mr. Kopakowski stated that the teachers will be involved in an in-service training/workshop for APEX on December 9th.

Mr. Perry and Ms. Reithmeyer reminded the community members that all committee meetings are open to the public for open discussion.

Mr. Kopakowski discussed a proposal he received regarding a Pilot Program that works with our pre-school students and their parents at no cost to the District. This program involves Financial Literacy and Nutrition.

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

7. POLICY COMMITTEE

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Policy Committee Report – Ms. Reithmeyer

Ms. Reithmeyer stated that no meeting has taken place, but they are working with PSBA regarding the revision of all of our current policies.

ACTION ITEMS:

None at this time.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Approval, Attendance at Bucks County Superintendent's Retreat

A MOTION is in order to approve Mike Kopakowski's attendance at the Annual Bucks County Superintendent's Retreat to be held from March 12, 2015 through March 14, 2015 in Hershey, PA at a cost not to exceed \$500.

9. NEW BUSINESS

The following motions were added to the agenda.

9.1 Approval by Resolution a Certificate terminating the existence of the Morrisville Borough School District Authority

A MOTION is in order to approve, by resolution, a Certificate terminating the existence of the Morrisville Borough School District Authority.

Mr. Miller asked Mr. Braun to locate all deeds to the M. R. Reiter property.

PUBLIC SESSION 2

There were no speakers for Public Session #2.

Ms. Reithmeyer discussed the Winterfest and all activities to take place and the times and locations. She stated that the Winterfest will take place rain or shine.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mr. Perry, and passed by a unanimous voice vote of 7 ayes.

Damon Miller, President

Wanda Kartal, Secretary